

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 253

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dianne Kirk on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, Dianne Kirk is one such estimable person who served with distinction as a teacher and who took her much-deserved retirement on December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kirk earned her Associate of Arts degree from Martin Methodist College and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Harding University, where she majored in business education; she received her elementary education endorsement from Middle Tennessee State University, her Master of Arts in Curriculum Development and Administrative K-12 from Trevecca Nazarene University, and her level three technology endorsement from Athens College; and

WHEREAS, Dianne Kirk began her teaching career in Lawrence County in 1975, where she taught middle school creative writing and English for three years and second grade for two years; and

WHEREAS, she taught part-time for three years at Columbia State Community College in the business department and in the Job Training Partnership Act adult education program, which gave unemployed adults training in business to help them secure new jobs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kirk next taught at Columbia Academy for thirteen years, teaching fourth grade and junior and senior high computer and business classes; she also developed technology training for students K-12; and

WHEREAS, following one year at East Texas Christian Academy, she returned to Maury County and taught in the business and technology department at Columbia Central High School

for eight years; she then taught computer applications at Spring Hill Middle School for two years and wrote and implemented Maury County's first online class in personal finance. At the end of her teaching career, she spent two and one-half years designing and leading Northfield Academy, Maury County's first nontraditional high school created for students at risk of not graduating; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kirk is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dianne Kirk exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ms. Kirk demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dianne Kirk our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.